

The Peace Corps Community in Maine

Maine Peace Corps Volunteers Through the Years

MAINE VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1961	1,987	2020: 46	2017: 53
		2019: 54	2016: 52
2023 MAINE VOLUNTEERS	12	2018: 50	1966: 92

5 Things to Know about the Peace Corps Community in Maine

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In 2019, Maine ranked 8th in the nation in sending volunteers overseas on a per capita basis.

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Among small colleges and universities, Colby College tied for 16th in 2019/2020 in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. The Peace Corps has an educational partnership through its Coverdell Fellows program with the University of Maine School of Social Work.

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National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the Maine Peace Corps Association. The group has an active membership of 400, an e-newsletter and social media presence on Facebook. Recent group activities include holding a virtual fundraiser and discussion on local refugee support.

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In 2021, Shenna Bellows was sworn in as Maine's 50th Secretary of State, and the state's first female secretary. Raised in Hancock, Bellows was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Panama, and also an Americorps/VISTA Volunteer in Tennessee.

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The 54 acre Goose River Peace Corps Preserve (near Waldoboro) was donated in 2001 to the Medomak Valley Land Trust by a group of friends who met each other while serving with the Peace Corps in Turkey.

*Based on data from Peace Corps, National Peace Corps Association, and other news sources.